

are hereby authorized in their discretion to donate for educational purposes in the States, Territories, and possessions without cost, except for costs of packing, transportation, and delivery, such equipment, materials, books, and other supplies as may be obsolete or no longer needed by the Army, Navy, or Air Force and which any such Secretary or the United States Commissioner of Education, Federal Security Agency, may consider usable for educational purposes.

Basis of allocation.

SEC. 2. All property which the Secretary of the Army, Secretary of the Navy, or Secretary of the Air Force may so donate, except that donated in accordance with section 3 hereof, shall be allocated on the basis of needs and utilization by the United States Commissioner of Education for transfer by the owning agency directly to schools, colleges, or universities or to State Departments of Education, for distribution by the State to tax-supported schools, colleges, and universities and other nonprofit schools, colleges, and universities which have been held exempt from taxation under section 101 (6) of the Internal Revenue Code; except in any State where another agency is designated by State law for such purposes such transfer shall be made to said agency for such distribution within the State.

53 Stat. 33.
26 U. S. C. § 101 (6).

Donation to military, etc., schools.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, or the Secretary of the Air Force may donate such of the property specified in section 1 hereof as they consider usable for educational purposes to those educational activities that are of special interest to the armed services, such as maritime academies or military, naval, air force, or coast guard preparatory schools.

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[CHAPTER 818]

AN ACT

July 2, 1948
[H. R. 6096]

[Public Law 890]

To provide for making available the Government-owned alcohol plants at Muscatine, Iowa, Kansas City, Missouri, and Omaha, Nebraska, for the production of products from agricultural commodities in the furtherance of authorized programs of the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

Department of Agriculture.
Transfer of certain alcohol plants.

58 Stat. 765.
50 U. S. C. app.
§§ 1611-1646; Supp. I,
§ 1612 et seq.
Ante, pp. 350, 1103.

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Operation of plants.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of assuring their operation for the production of products from agricultural commodities in order to provide a means of discharging the responsibility of the Department of Agriculture in connection with surplus agricultural commodities, research, and other authorized activities, and to assist in providing an adequate supply of alcohol and other products produced from agricultural commodities necessary for the national defense, (1) the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, as successor to Defense Plant Corporation, shall transfer, without regard to the provisions of the Surplus Property Act of 1944 and without reimbursement or transfer of funds, to the Secretary of Agriculture all of its right, title, and interest in and to the alcohol plant established and constructed by Defense Plant Corporation at Muscatine, Iowa, the property, together with the equipment, records, facilities, and other property appurtenant thereto; and (2) the War Assets Administration shall transfer to the Secretary of Agriculture without regard to the provisions of the Surplus Property Act of 1944 and without reimbursement or transfer of funds the alcohol plants at Kansas City, Missouri, and Omaha, Nebraska, together with the land, equipment, facilities, and other property appurtenant thereto.

SEC. 2. In carrying out the purposes of this Act the Secretary is authorized, upon such terms and conditions as he deems reasonable, and notwithstanding the provisions of any other law—

(a) to provide for the operation of such plants by lease or other arrangement;

(b) to operate such plants, where operation by others will not, in the judgment of the Secretary, accomplish the purpose of this Act.

Such plants may be operated in the furtherance of any authorized activities of the Department of Agriculture, and any lease, or other arrangement may be upon such terms and conditions as to result in the plant being operated for such purposes.

SEC. 3. Whenever the Secretary finds that the operation of any plant or plants as provided in this Act is no longer necessary or desirable, he shall report such fact to Congress with his recommendations for the disposition thereof.

Report to Congress.

SEC. 4. For the purposes of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized (a) to construct and provide additional facilities and equipment necessary to the operation of such plants, and to maintain, repair, and alter such plants; (b) to acquire property or rights or interest therein by purchase, lease, gift, transfer, condemnation, or otherwise; (c) to incur necessary administrative expenses, including personal services; and (d) to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Additional facilities,
etc.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of Agriculture shall assume all obligations of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation covering operations of the Muscatine, Iowa, plant, equipment, facilities, and appurtenant property outstanding at the date of transfer.

Obligations of plant
at Muscatine, Iowa.

SEC. 6. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated for the purposes of this Act such sums as the Congress may from time to time determine to be necessary. Also, the Secretary is authorized to use such sums from other appropriations or funds available to the bureaus, corporations, or agencies of the Department of Agriculture as he may deem necessary for expenses in connection with maintaining these plants in standby condition while not under lease.

Appropriation au-
thorized.

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[CHAPTER 819]

AN ACT

To authorize an exchange of lands and interests therein between the city of San Diego, California, and the United States, and for other purposes.

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[H. R. 8333]
[Public Law 891]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and is hereby, authorized to convey to the city of San Diego without cost to said city, and upon such terms and conditions as may be approved by said Secretary, after receiving the written approval of the Attorney General as to the titles, leases, and other mutual conveyances connected therewith, the following lands and improvements and interests in land, metes and bounds description of said lands being on file in the Navy Department, to wit:

San Diego, Calif.
Conveyance.

(1) Fee-simple title to an area containing approximately two hundred and forty-four and eight-tenths acres known as the Lindbergh Field extension of the United States Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego;

(2) Fee-simple title to an area comprising approximately one hundred and sixty acres known as Rosedale Airport and being Pueblo lot 1231 of the Pueblo lands of San Diego;

(3) Fee-simple title to those structures and improvements constructed on land of the city of San Diego under naval contracts NOa-130 and NOa-1049, popularly known as the Ryan Aircraft Expansion, including but not limited to a frame stucco office building in two sections containing thirty-seven thousand square feet, a steel frame and corrugated-iron subassembly building of one hundred and